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NEW CLAIMS

- 5 1. A process for improving processability of mono-
and multi-layer polymer shrink-films, comprising
adding a photoinitiator to a polymeric composition
of which said monolayer film or at least one layer
of said multilayer film is made, wherein said
10 composition does not include polymer cross-linking
enhancers, extruding said composition, illuminating
said extruded composition with ultraviolet
radiation, to induce cross-linking within said layer
or layers of the film, the amount of said
15 photoinitiator and the intensity and duration of
said illumination being such as to provide a gel
content below 10%, and submitting said composition
to an orientation treatment.
- 20 2. A process according to claim 1, wherein the
orientation treatment is performed using the double-
bubble technique.
- 3.A process according to claim 1, wherein the
25 polymeric composition is selected in the group
consisting of polyethylene, ethylene copolymers, and
their mixtures.
- 4.A process according to claim 3, wherein the
30 ethylene copolymers are selected in the group
consisting of LLDPE, LDPE, m-LLDPE, EVA, EBA, ULDPE,
and their mixtures.

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5. A process according to claim 1, wherein the amount of photoinitiator is up to 1 weight percent of the composition to which it is added.

6. A process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the film to be produced is a monolayer film.

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7. A process according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the film is a multilayer film.

8. A process according to claim 7, wherein no photoinitiator is added to one or more of the layers.

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9. A process according to claim 1, wherein the cross-linked material of one layer is chosen such that it provides strength and impermeability to the film.

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10. A process according to claim 9, wherein the cross-linked material(s) of one or more external layer(s) are chosen such that they provide sealability to the film.

11. A process according to claim 1, wherein the orientation treatment is performed using the tenter technique.

12. A monolayer shrink-film, which does not include polymer cross-linking enhancers and is cross-linked to the extent that it comprises a gel content below 10%.

13. A multilayer shrink-film, which does not include polymer cross-linking enhancers, in which multilayer

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shrink-film some of the layers are cross-linked to the
extent that they comprise a gel content below 10%, and
5 others are not cross-linked.